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Forty-Second Spring Session held with the Church at Pleasant Grove, Union County, N. C., on Saturday before first Sunday in May, 1926.

Also the Ninety-Fourth Annual Session held with the church at Union Grove, Union County, N. C., on Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1926.

BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS SPRING SESSION

Pleasant Grove, Union County, N. C.

May 1, 1926

Assembled at the stand in grove at 11 a. m. and Introductory Sermon delivered by Elder Jason Eudy from first several verses of sixth chapter of Gallatians. Intermission one hour.

Then at 1 o'clock convened in the house. Song and prayer service, conducted by Elder B. F. Houze.

1. Called for and read the letters from the several churches and messengers therein named seated.

2. Re-elected Elder W. C. Edwards Moderator and J. W. Jones, Clerk.

3. Received a letter from the newly constituted church at Herrins' Grove, Stanly County, N. C., requesting membership in the Bear Creek Association. This was unanimously granted and their messenger seated.

4. Invited visiting brethren as correspondence from sister associations to seats. Brothers T. H. and W. T. Bentley present and seated.

5. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats. Elders B. F. Houze, R. H. Pittman, J. R. Wilson and W. F. Pruitt present.

6. Appointed as arrangement committee, Elder B. L. Treece and Brothers J. M. Taylor and P. A. Howard with Moderator and Clerk.

7. That Elders R. H. Pittman, B. F. Houze, W. C. Edwards and B. L. Treece preach at the stand Sunday, service to commence at 10 a. m.

8. Adjourned to 9:30 a. m., Monday. Preaching Saturday p. m. at stand by Elders R. H. Pittman and B. F. Houze.

SUNDAY, MORNING, MAY 2

Song and prayer service by Elder J. R. Wilson. Then Elder R. H. Pittman preahed from 38th verse of 18th chapter of St. John, followed by Elder B. F. Houze. Intermission one hour for dinner.

Then Elder W. C. Edwards preached from these words of Scripture, "Behold the Lamb of God", and closed by Elder B. L. Treece from this: "The promise is unto you and your children and those a-far off, eve n as many as the Lord our God shall call."

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 3

Met in the house pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder Will Helms.

9. Called on Arrangement Committee to report. Report read and adopted.

10. Called roll of messengers and noted absentees (omitted reading rules).

11. Called for report from corresponding messengers to sister associations. None reported.

12. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. No report, but received minutes from Mountain District, Roaring River and Consolidated Nolachuckey and Tennessee.

13. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder Edwards reported that himself and Elder Jason Eudy and some deacons formed a Presbytery at Jones Hill church on Saturday before third Sunday in February, 1926, and ordained Bro. Walter Greene a deacon. Also Elder D. S. Jones reported that himself and Elder Jason Eudy and some deacons formed a Presbytery at a place known as Herrins Grove in Stanly County, N. C., on the 24th day of December, 1925, and then and there constituted a church of the Primitive Baptist Faith and order.

14. That we return thanks to God, this church and friends of the community for hospitality during this meeting.

15. Adjourned to time and place named in last minutes.

Preaching Monday at Stand by Elder W. F. Pruitt and J. R. Wilson.

ELDER W. C. EDWARDS, Moderator.
J. W. JONES, Clerk.

MESSENGERS—SPRING SESSION, 1926

Bear Creek—Harvey Alman, A. J. Furr, J. A. Barbee.
Bethany—Represented by Elder J. F. Mills.
Concord—J. L. Overcash, J. F. Burrus, Paul Hartsell.
Clarks Grove—Elder Jason Eudy, R. J. Lee, G. W. Barbee.
Crooked Creek—D. L. Willams, H. M. Greene, D. A. Simpson.
Freedom—A. J. Deese.
Flat Lake—O. F. Haywood, D. P. Dunn, E. A. Dennis.*
Herrins Grove—Elder D. S Jones, Rufus Herrin.
High Hill—W. M. Clontz, V. P. Helms, G. W. Helms.
High Ridge—Elder W. C. Edwards, Willie Helms, Lonnie Thomas.
Howards Chapel—P. A. Howard, M. F. Coble, Thomas Howard.
Jerusalem—H. F. Curlee, W. A. Helms. C. C. Curlee.
Jones Hill—Walter Greene, M. F. Whitley, A. A. Morton.
Liberty—Oscar Broome, J. B. Whitley, E. S. Burghes.
Liberty Hill—B. W. Whitley, J. T. Crisco, Virgil Whitley.
Lawyers Spring—E. C Jones, H. M. Baucom, J. W. Jones.
Meadow Creek—H. A. Williams.
Mountain Creek—Elder B. L. Treece, Daniel Page, J. S. Misenheimer.
Pleasant Hill—J. M. Taylor, A. J. Helms.
Pleasant Grove—E. Mullis, T. A. Helms, J. M. Williams.

Philadelphia—Willam Daves, S. J. McKinney,* Foster Beam.*
Union Grove—S. D. Outen, J. D. Hill, F. L. Baucom.
New Zion—S. M. Underwood, J. P. Whitley, M. A. Helms.
Running Creek—W. T. Tucker, J. D. Eury, W. M. Almond.
Watson—J. T. Simpson, Oscar Mullis, J. T. Rushing.

Absentees thus.*

BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FALL SESSION, 1926

NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

Union Grove, Union County, N. C.
October 2, 1926.

Assembled at the Stand at 11 a. m. and Introductory Sermon preached by Elder W. C. Edwards from first verse of 103d Psalm.

Intermission one hour for dinner.

Then convened in the house. Praise and prayer conducted by Elder Jason Eudy, after which Elder B. L. Treece, by request, presided as Moderator Protem in the absence of Elder Edwards, who was called away to conduct a funeral service.

Then there was offered and accepted by the Association the following resolution:

"Resolved, that under present disturbed conditions, we beg our brethren to be patient and conservative and suggest to any agrieved church that they take up their difference in due form by going to or before the offending sister church or churches, with messengers duly appointed and with letter, and labor for peace and reconciliation ust as one brother is admonished to do toward another, as set forth in the 18th chapter of Matthew. (Reader, please read and study prayerfully the whole 18th chapter of Matthew above referred to) and that we as an association have not, nor do we wish to usurp any authority over the churches and we willingly submit that at associations is no place for declarations of non-fellowship, but that we today seat all the messengers named in the several letters from all our churches and omit the formality of seating or not seating visitors present at this time."

Then proceeded to business in the usual order.

1. Called for and had read the letters from the several churches, only omitting matters alluded to in above resolution and seated all messengers. Then received a petitionary letter from the hand of Bro. Thomas Howard, from a newly constituted church of Primitive Baptist Faith, and order near Wadesboro, Anson County, N. C., known as Deese's Chapel, requesting membership with the sister churches of this Association. This request was unani-

mously granted and Brother Howard therein named as messenger seated.

2. Then, by motion, elected Elder B. L. Treece Moderator and J. W. Jones, Clerk.

3. Appointed Brethren S. D. Outen, J. M. Taylor and J. T. Simpson a committee of arrangements.

4. Appointed Brethren P. A. Howard and J. F. Burrus a committee on Finance.

5. Elected by ballot the following ministers to preach at the Stand Sunday, as follows: Elders M. L. Riner, W. E. Cribbs, R. H. Pittman, and B. L. Treece. Service at 10 o'clock a. m.

6. Adjourned to 9 a. m. Monday.

Benediction in short prayer by the Moderator.

NOTE—The church at Jones Hill has built a new house of worship, not at the former location, but on a lot at the Smith Country Cemetery two miles east of Oakboro, N. C., and from now on this body is designated or to be known as the Church at Smith's Grove.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 3

Service commenced at 10 o'clock as arranged Saturday, and Elder M. L. Riner preached from 8th verse of third chapter of Titus. Then Elder W. E. Cribbs followed and preached from 4th verse of the 10th chapter of Romans. Intermission one hour.

On re-assembling, Elder R. H. Pittman preached from first and second verses and first clause of third verse of second chapter of Hebrews, followed and closed by Elder B. L. Treece from the words of our Savior when He said, "I have glorified thee on the earth." The preaching all seemed to be glorifying to God and comforting to those who know the truth.

NOTE—By inadvertance, the new church at Herrins Grove was not called and we ask these brethren to excuse this unintentional neglect and meet us in next coming session at Liberty Hill on Sunday before fourth Sunday in coming April.—Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 4

Convened in the house at 9 a. m., pursuant to previous adjournment. Praise and prayer service conducted by Elder W. E. Cribbs.

7. At the request of Elder B. L. Treece, the Moderator, Elder W. C. Edwards was elected vice or assistant Moderator.

8. Called for report from Arrangement Committee. Report read and adopted.

9. Called roll of messengers, noted absentees and read Rules of Decorum.

10. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder W. C. Edwards reported that Elders B. L. Treece, Jason Eudy and himself

formed a Presbytery on Friday, September 28, 1926, at Wadesboro, N. C., and then and there constituted and organized a Primitive Baptist church to be known as Deese's Chapel in North Section of Wadesboro. Also that he and Elders J. F. Mills, Henry Taylor and some deacons formed a Presbytery at Liberty on Saturday before first Sunday in July, 1926, and ordained Brethren J. B. Whitley and Oscar Whitley as deacons.

Also that Elders Henry Taylor, W. F. Pruitt, J .F. Mills and several deacons formed a Presbytery at Pleasant Grove church on second Sunday in June and ordained Brother Lonnie Mills a deacon.

11. That the next coming Spring Session of this Association be held with the church at Liberty Hill, Stanly County, N. C., and for good reasons, commence on Saturday before fourth Sunday in April, 1927, and that Elder B. L. Treece is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Elder Jason Eudy as his alternate; and that the Annual or Fall Session convene with the church at Jerusalem, Anson County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1927, and that Elder W. C. Edwards is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder B. L. Treece his alternate.

12. Treasurer reported left on hand from last year ..... $ .65

13. Finance Committee reports sent up this year for minute fund and associational purposes 87.45

Total Fund ..... $ 88.10

14. That the Clerk serve as Treasurer and also compile and have printed 1200 copies of these minutes and distribute as usual and have same fee as last year for services rendered.

15. That the Clerk disburse what surplus fund on hand to spare to ministers present today.

16. That we thank God for His goodness and mercy during this meeting and this church and friends for their kindness.

17. At the request of the church at Pleasant Hill in Iredell County, N. C. she was granted a letter of dismission from the Bear Creek Association.

18. Read and approved above minutes and then adjourned to times and places above named.

Albemarle, N. C.
ELDER B. L. TREECE, Moderator.
Peachland, N. C.
J. W. JONES, Clerk.

There was good and sound gospel preaching at the Stand Saturday afternoon and in the meeting house Saturday and Sunday

nights and also at the Stand Monday to large and attentive congregations.

Note—Please, dear reader, listen to a few words from Saint Paul who said, "Be kindly affectionated one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulations; continuing instant in prayer; bless them which persecute you, bless and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you live peaceably with all men. Be not overcome of evil but overcome evil with good. Love workish no ill to his neighbor, therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR, 1926

Sent up by the Churches for Minute and Associational purposes this year	$ 87.45
Left over from last year	.65
Total Funds	$ 88.10

Disbursements

Given Monday to ministers present	$ 26.00	
Allowance to Clerk	15.00	
For printing Minutes, Letter Forms and mailing	47.10	
	$ 88.10	$ 88.10

Leaving nothing in treasury.

Bear Creek—A. J. Furr, J. A. Barbee, Daniel Page.
Bethany—Represented only by contribution.
Concord—J. F. Burrus, P. M. Hartsell, J. L. Overcash.
Clarks Grove—Elder Jason Eudy, G. W. Barbee, W. C. Baucom.
Crooked Creek—D. L. Williams, D. A. Simpson, L. L. Little.
Deese's Chapel—Thomas Howard.
Freedom—Not represented.
Flat Lake—Not represented.
High Hill—G. W. Helms, S. H. Edwards, Van P. Helms.
High Ridge—J. P. Rushing, J. B. Medlin, Elder W. C. Edwards.
Howards Chapel—P. A. Howard, M. F. Coble, Shepherd Taylor.
Jerusalem—W. H. Curlee, W. A. Helms, H. F. Curlee.
Liberty—J. B. Whitley, Oscar Broome, W. O. Whitley.
Liberty Hill—Obie Whitley, J. T. Criscoe, B. W. Whitley.
Lawyers Spring—E. C. Jones, H. M. Baucom, C. P. Griffin.
Meadow Creek—H. A. Williams.
Mountain Creek—Elder B. L. Treece, W. R. Morton, W. P. Almond.*
Pleasant Hill—J. M. Taylor, Henry Hoke, H. P. Cashion.
Pleasant Grove—Lonnie Mills, L. L. Griffin, J. M. Williams.
Philadelphia—William Daves,* S. J. McKinney,* Foster Beam.*
Smiths Grove—Walter Greene, Jona Morton, A. A. Morton.
Running Creek—R. F Almond, J. D. Eury, J. H. McClure.
Union Grove—S. D. Outen, F. L. Baucom, T. F. Hill.
New Zion—Elder Will Helms, J. P. Whitley, S. M. Underwood.
Watson—J. T. Simpson, Oscar Mullis, W. A. Hargett.

Absentees marked thus.*

ANNUAL TABLE FOR 1926 STATISTICS

CHURCHES	By Experience and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contributions
Bear Creek	4	3		1			27	$ 3.10
Bethany							2	1.00
Concord	1	4				1	21	2.00
Clarks Grove	1						19	2.00
Crooked Creek				1			15	3.00
Deese's Chapel							7	1.25
Flat Lake							12	
Freedom							5	
High Hill	1	1				2	44	5.00
High Ridge	1			1			30	5.00
Howards Chapel				7			21	3.00
Jerusalem	1	1					37	10.00
Liberty	2			2		1	16	2.50
Liberty Hill	1	4		4			24	3.05
Lawyers Spring	4			3			62	5.50
Meadow Creek				2			12	2.00
Mountain Creek		2		2			18	2.50
New Zion		2		4		1	17	1.50
Pleasant Hill	2					1	21	3.00
Pleasant Grove	1		1	1	14		28	10.00
Philadelphia						1	20	3.50
Smiths Grove	2			4			19	2.00
Running Creek				4		1	23	2.50
Union Grove	11	4				1	54	10.30
Watson						2	24	3.75
Herrins Grove							6	
Total								$ 87.45

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES, 1926

	Communion Sunday
Bear Creek—J. A. Barbee, R. 1, Oakboro, N. C.	1st in August
Bethany	3rd in August
Concord—P. W. Hartsell, Concord, N. C.	3rd in August
Clarks Grove—G. W. Barbee, Midland, N. C.	2nd in July
Crooked Creek—L. L. Little, Unionville, N. C.	4th in July
Deese's Chapel—Miss Beckie Howard, Wadesboro, N. C.	
Freedom—J. W. Deese, R. 6, Albemarle, N. C.	
Flat Lake—O. F. Haywood, Mt. Gilead, N. C.	4th in July
Herrins Grove—D. S. Jones, Stanfield, N. C.	
High Hill—W. M. Clontz, R. 1, Unionville, N. C.	1st in September
High Ridge—J. B. Medlin, R. 1, Marshville, N .C.	3rd in July
Howards Chapel—Arch Carpenter, R. 1, Norwood, N. C.	1st in September
Jerusalem—T. F. Mills, Marshville, N. C.	2nd in August
Liberty—J. B. Whitley, R. 7, Monroe, N C.	
Liberty Hill—F. E. Huneycutt, R. 2, Oakboro, N. C.	4th in August
Lawyers Spring—H. M. Baucom, Peachland, N. C.	1st in August
Meadow Creek—H. A. Williams, Stanfield, N. C.	3rd in August
Mountain Creek—J. S. Misenheimer, R 2, Albemarle, N. C.	3rd in July
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Helms, Marshville, N. C.	2nd in July
Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, R. 2, Barber, N. C.	4th in June
New Zion—J. P. Whitley, Harrisburg, N. C.	
Philadelphia—Foster Beam, Ellenboro, N. C.	4th in August
Running Creek—J. H. McClure, R. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	2nd in August
Smiths Grove—Walter Greene, R. 1, Oakboro, N. C.	3rd in September
Union Grove—F. L. Baucom, R. 2, Monroe, N. C.	2nd in September
Watson—S. L. Mullis, R. 2, Unionville, N. C.	4th in May

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder J. F. Mills	Route 1, Marshville, N. C.
Elder W. C. Edwards	Wingate, N. C.
Elder Henry Taylor	Monroe, N. C.
Elder D. S. Jones	Stanfield, N. C.
Elder Jason Eudy	Oakboro, N. C.
Elder Will A Helms	Rt. 7, Concord, N. C.

RULES OF DECORUM

1st. A Moderator, or Chief Speaker, and Clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2nd. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another member; provided, he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3rd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Chief Speaker by the appelation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6th. No member of the Association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

8th. The names of all members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

9th. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this Association, shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New

Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotence of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptised, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.